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LIBRARY COMMUNITY

NEW FEDERATION LAW PROPOSED

The Law Revision Committee of a network of great Falls, Idaho, bills focused on creating a new federation law that would permit any type of library to join a federation. Now, only public libraries can belong. The law would also allow federations to develop in unique ways.

The committee also worked on a proposed revision of the authority of the State Library Commission (Montana 1-103). They also considered minor revisions of the public library laws (22-1-302), and of the state documents depository law (22-1-210 & 211).

The Law Revision Committee encourages feedback on the proposed revisions from the library community. A copy of the proposed federation law and its rationale is enclosed. Response should be made by February 1st, 1988 to Sara Parker, Montana State Librarian at the State Library.

LOCAL PROJECT AREAS SUGGESTED RESPONSE NEEDED

The Law Revision Committee has received a number of suggestions from local libraries for the new federation law. The committee is currently reviewing these suggestions and will be holding a public hearing on the proposed law in the near future. The committee is interested in hearing from all libraries, regardless of size or type. The committee is also interested in hearing from the general public. The committee is currently reviewing the suggestions and will be holding a public hearing on the proposed law in the near future. The committee is interested in hearing from all libraries, regardless of size or type. The committee is also interested in hearing from the general public.

- Funding for a statewide delivery system that transports a full library loan materials faster and more efficiently.
- Funding for a statewide centennial-related public relations campaign for libraries.
- Funding for additional projects to improve libraries.
- A statewide coordinated collection development project.
- Funds to implement the continuing education plan.

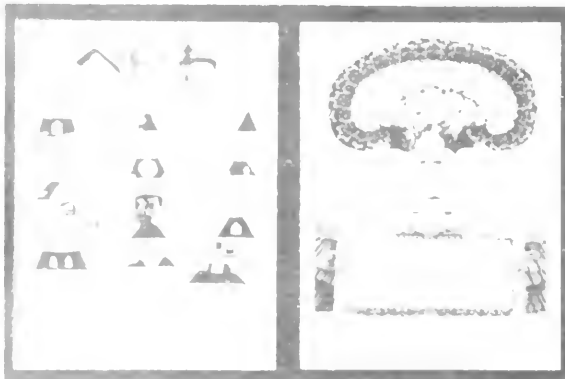
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MAJOR ARTISTS (Kenji Kuroki) POSTERS FOR PEACE

Kenji Kuroki is a Japanese artist who has been active in the field of peace posters since the 1950s. His work is characterized by a strong sense of social responsibility and a commitment to non-violence. He has created numerous posters that have been exhibited internationally and have won many awards. His posters often feature stylized human figures and symbols that convey powerful messages about the dangers of war and the importance of peace.

FOR PEACE (Kenji Kuroki) FOR PEACE (Kenji Kuroki)

Kenji Kuroki's poster "FOR PEACE" is a powerful statement on the importance of non-violence. The poster features a central figure of a person holding a peace symbol, surrounded by a crowd of people. The background is a dark, textured surface, and the overall composition is simple yet impactful. The poster has been widely exhibited and has won many awards, including the 1954 International Peace Poster Competition in Tokyo. It is a testament to Kuroki's skill as an artist and his commitment to the cause of peace.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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JANUARY

8 - 12 ALA Midwinter, San Antonio
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REVISION OF THE LIBRARY FEDERATION LAW
DRAFT PREPARED BY LAW REVISION COMMITTEE

22-1-401. It is the policy of the Legislature to encourage the most efficient delivery of library services to the people of Montana. To that end, the state shall be divided into regions, within which all libraries desiring to participate in the distribution of such funding to libraries as may be available from time to time, shall organize into library federations to share resources, services and information.

Libraries may agree by contract to form a library federation. Their respective governing bodies, when a library federation shall have been established, the governing body of each library maintaining a library may agree to participate in the library federation and shall be entitled to the benefits of the library federation and property within the federation boundaries shall be subject to taxation for library federation purposes. The library must be willing able to participate in the administrative services and programs as determined by the federation.

22-1-404. In a library federation, the governing board shall be a board of not less than 5 nor more than 15 members appointed by the governing authorities of the participating libraries. The constitution of the federation governing board shall be equal and balanced representation of the participating libraries.

22-1-405. The governing board of the federation shall:

1. Have responsibility for the federation's constitution and amendments to the constitution.
2. Adopt a plan and policies for the federation's business and for the governance of the federation, not inconsistent with law.
3. Determine the administrative structure and provide for federation operations including federation staff.
4. Develop the plan of service and have responsibility for the implementation of the plan of service once it is approved by the Commission.
5. Exercise fiscal control over federation funds and report to the participating libraries and the State Library Commission.
6. Have the power to contract with other state agencies and entities, including interstate contracts.



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MEMORANDUM

November 18, 1987

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Law Revision Committee
Sara Parker, State Librarian, Chair

SUBJECT: Rationale used by the Law Revision Committee for the development of a new federation law

The following may be helpful as citizens, libraries and governing authorities consider proposed revision of MCA 22-1-401 through 22-1-413.

- (1) After seeking help and understanding from the Legislative Council, the Law Revision Committee chose to propose a general rather than a specific law on federations. This gives flexibility for local decision-making. Following the concepts of "home rule," it gives libraries who have historically worked together with a geographic region the latitude to develop as they think best. Federations have already developed along unique lines and no two are exactly alike. The committee believes a law giving flexibility and encouragement to continue this development is better than a specific law which might force federations into patterns that are not appropriate to a particular area.
- (2) The flexibility for the federations is enhanced by not mandating within the law the exact compositions of the governing boards, the establishment contracts, the by-laws of the federation and other formal parts of the structure. Each federation is allowed, and indeed encouraged, to make decisions for itself through determining the composition of the governing board, the language of the contracts and by-laws.

